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## ***Loop 303 construction detour near Happy Valley Parkway requires weekend restrictions***

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**PHOENIX** — Work to extend Loop 303 to Lake Pleasant Parkway will require the highway to be closed between Grand Avenue (US 60) and Happy Valley Parkway from 9 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday (March 9).

The Arizona Department of Transportation says crews are putting the finishing touches on a construction detour at Happy Valley Parkway and the Loop 303 work zone. ADOT has worked with the City of Peoria to set up the curved detour, establishing a safer and more convenient route while a new Loop 303 traffic interchange at Happy Valley Parkway is under construction.

While Loop 303 is closed between Grand Avenue and Happy Valley Parkway this weekend, the following detour routes will be in place:

- **Northbound Loop 303 traffic exiting at Grand Avenue will use Bell Road east to northbound 99th Avenue to reach Happy Valley Parkway.**
- **Southbound Loop 303 can be accessed via Lake Pleasant Parkway to 99th Avenue, westbound Bell Road, and then northwest Grand Avenue (to reach Loop 303).**

Local access to El Mirage Road will be maintained. Please allow extra travel time while crews work to improve travel in the West Valley.

The \$101 million project to build Loop 303 between Happy Valley and Lake Pleasant parkways is scheduled for completion in 2012.

ADOT plans and constructs new freeways, additional lanes and other major improvements as part of the 20-year Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the Maricopa County region. The primary funding source is a half-cent sales tax approved by county voters in 2004. More information about ADOT projects and the RTP is available at [www.ValleyFreeways.com](http://www.ValleyFreeways.com).

For more information about the project or Loop 303 improvements, visit [www.valleyfreeways.com](http://www.valleyfreeways.com) or call the project hotline at 480.890.3055.

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